IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Oliver W. H. Davies, et al. Confirmation No.: 3793

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For : METHOD OF REDUCING THE FFFFCT OF DIRECT INTERFFRENCE CURRENT IN AN

ELECTROCHEMICAL TEST STRIP

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby request an extension of time for Three (3) months from the original due date of October 23, 2008 to extend the time for reply to January 23, 2009. The Director has already been authorized to charge the required fee under 37 CFR 1.17(a)(3) of \$1,110.00 to the deposit account. Applicants also herewith submit a Terminal Disclaimer with the required fees.

In response to the Office Action of July 23, 2008, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.